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Another working year of the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society is finished, and close upon its last days has come to its members an irreparable loss, in the death of Miss Faulkner.

At our May meeting, the following vote was placed upon our Secretary's book:

"The executive committee of the Friendly Society, and its visitors, wish to put upon record an expression of their keen sorrow for the death of Miss Mary Faulkner, who has been connected with the society for fifteen years. She came into the work first as a visitor, and for the last few years she has been a most valued and important member of the case committee, serving as its secretary, from the organization of this committee, and giving to it the last strength of her life. Her rare ability for this work, her constant interest in the poor and unfortunate, and her consecration to all that tended towards the uplifting of humanity, cannot be overestimated, and have undoubtedly contributed very largely to the success of our society in the past. Her helpful influence cannot fail to be felt in the future, and the memory of her noble and faithful life will be ever treasured by all who have had the privilege of her wise counsel and her companionship in this work."

This society is now so well established in its methods of work that the reports must be monotonous, but to the workers there is ever new interest and excitement. With the burden

and responsibilities, the disappointment and failures, comes the satisfaction of a fuller knowledge of those upon whom sin, sorrow and pain have laid a heavy hand. Only by a careful sifting of our experiences, and the most earnest thought, can we make any advance in dealing with the varied needs presented to us.

The part of our work which seems vastly the most important, and surely the most difficult, is the care and guidance of the children brought to our notice. Probably no branch of the work for the poor and ignorant shows such gain as that done for the children. The possibilities put within their reach by the schools are great and varied. For their comfort and pleasure much is done, and yet any visitor among them must often stand amazed as he meets those young in years, but old and expert in the knowledge and practice of wrong-doing.

Every one of us, whether connected or not with an organized charity, can help in this important work; can give the helpful word, or do the helpful deed that shall assist in the better foundation of the coming generation.

Our work is greatly facilitated by the friendly concurrence of the different charitable societies. One of our families will give an instance of this. They are Germans, father, mother and four children. The father ill with consumption, the mother having the care of a young child, the family, thoroughly deserving and in great need. Aid, other and more than we could give, has been given by the German Aid Society. Through the members of our committee, having the case in charge, arrangements were made with the Lend a Hand Society and Country Week so that each member of the family should have a two weeks' vacation in the country, all going at the same time.

From the District Nursing Association, we have had timely and most efficient aid. It is thoroughly understood that the members of our Case Committee are to investigate each and every applicant brought to us. Still we often find it difficult to get at all the facts concerning them, before we give aid or advice. If any person sending applicants to us, does at the time or later, know anything concerning them, we should be very glad if they would give us the facts.

Last year, we began our work with an almost empty treasury, but our friends were prompt and generous with their subscriptions and donations so that we were enabled to help all worthy applicants. We begin our new year with a good balance on hand, but we trust that this balance will not deter any friends from giving their usual subscriptions, as this is our only safeguard. Three years ago, our balance carried us through a winter of unusual distress, and enabled us to do a large work. Such a winter may come again, and, although we cannot repeat our appeal of last year, we do ask our friends to continue their kind help, that we may be ready to meet any needs or emergencies that may arise in our community.

Within the past six months, we have started in connection with our society, a branch of the Home Saving Society, with a president and treasurer. We shall hope for good results from this work. Among the women and young people, habits of thrift and economy may be established. These habits once formed, there seems to be almost a contagion, a jealous desire to do as well as their neighbors. A small fund once laid by brings self-respect and great satisfaction.

To our dispensary physician are due our thanks for his kind attention to our frequent calls upon him. Also to the police whose assistance in investigating doubtful cases has always been promptly given.

The giving out of second-hand clothing is a most important and useful part of our work. A large amount of such clothing

has been given us this year and most thankfully received. We are most grateful for these gifts, but never satisfied. We earnestly ask for more.

We have dispensed a large amount of coke during the winter which has been kindly given by the Jamaica Plain Gas Light Company.

For the donation of boots and shoes, as for other gifts, we are grateful.

It is with extreme regret that we add to this report the notice of the death of Mr. Patrick McMorrow, one of our associate visitors, connected with this Society from its organization. His sound judgment, ever ready kindness, and courteous attention, together with material aid given, we shall miss and gratefully remember.

ELLEN C. MORSE, MARY H. DAVIS,
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STATISTICS FOR 1895—96.

Families visited,	50
Visits reported,	313
Applicants,	62
New garments given away,	38
Boots and rubbers,	51
Women taking sewing,	14

But little money has been expended for the material for this work, this having been given by the hospitals for whom most of the sewing has been done.

The Friendly Society's room is in Curtis Hall, South Street. Miss L. T. Blaikie, the agent, is there from ten o'clock to one o'clock every week day (except Saturdays and holidays), from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in May, and from eleven to twelve o'clock one of the Case Committee is also present. All persons interested are invited to visit the room. Plain garments and sheets and pillowcases are kept for sale, and made to order.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

OCTOBER 1, 1895, TO OCTOBER 1, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	$ 9.51
Subscriptions	1255.60
Sales	59.40
From Ladies of the Foot-light Club	75.00
" Union Thanksgiving Service at Baptist Church	42.56
	$1442.07

EXPENDITURES.

Agent's salary	$300.00
Paid by Case Committee for work, etc.	148.83
" for coal and wood	75.94
" " boots and shoes	60.68
" " printing	40.75
" " moving furniture	2.00
" " provisions and milk	66.62
" " carrying circulars	10.38
" " postage	5.45
" " conference cards	.50
" Associated Charities for registration	100.00
" for materials	18.66
Loaned	6.00
Balance on hand	606.26
	$1442.07

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of E. W. Clark, Esq., Treasurer of the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society, from October 1st, 1895, to October 1st, 1896, and that the same are correctly cast and the payments therein properly vouched and that the Treasurer charges himself as of the latter date with a balance of six hundred and six dollars and twenty-six cents ($606.26).

CHARLES P. BOWDITCH, *Auditor.*

BOSTON, October 19th, 1896.

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